
HOUSE BILL 1368

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1 AN ACT Relating to a fund raising event; and amending RCW
2 9.46.0233.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.46.0233 and 1987 c 4 s 24 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) "Fund raising event," as used in this chapter, means a fund
7 raising event conducted during any seventy-two consecutive hours (~~but~~
8 ~~exceeding twenty-four consecutive hours and~~) not more than ((once))
9 twice in any calendar year when no gambling activities are conducted
10 between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.; or a fund raising event
11 conducted not more than ((twice)) four times each calendar year for not
12 more than ((twenty-four)) twenty consecutive hours ((each time)) when
13 no gambling activities are conducted between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and
14 6:00 a.m.; or a combination of one seventy-two consecutive hour event
15 and not more than two twenty consecutive hour events by a bona fide
16 charitable or nonprofit organization as defined in RCW 9.46.0209 other
17 than any agricultural fair referred to thereunder, upon authorization
18 therefor by the commission, which the legislature hereby authorizes to
19 issue a license therefor, with or without fee, permitting the following

1 activities, or any of them, during such event: Bingo, amusement games,
2 contests of chance, lotteries and raffles: PROVIDED, That (a) gross
3 wagers and bets received by the organization less the amount of money
4 paid by the organization as winnings and for the purchase cost of
5 prizes given as winnings do not exceed (~~(ten)~~) fifteen thousand dollars
6 during a single event or thirty thousand dollars during the total
7 calendar days of such fund raising event in the calendar year; (b) such
8 activities shall not include any mechanical gambling or lottery device
9 activated by the insertion of a coin or by the insertion of any object
10 purchased by any person taking a chance by gambling in respect to the
11 device; (c) only bona fide members of the organization or their spouses
12 who are not paid for such service shall participate in the management
13 or operation of the activities(~~(, and)~~). However, an organization may
14 use up to five individuals who are not members or spouses of members to
15 operate gambling activities when the individuals are approved by the
16 commission. The individuals may be paid an amount determined by the
17 commission but shall not be involved in the management of the event,
18 perform duties of a cashier, banker, or otherwise have access to or
19 share in the net proceeds of the event, or perform any of the
20 accounting functions or otherwise have access to the accounting
21 records. Further, anyone licensed by the commission to rent equipment
22 to conduct the activities may be paid an amount determined by the
23 commission to provide training and advisory services in conjunction
24 with the events; (d) all income therefrom, after deducting the cost of
25 prizes and other expenses, shall be devoted solely to the lawful
26 purposes of the organization; and (~~(+d)~~) (e) such organization shall
27 notify the appropriate local law enforcement agency of the time and
28 place where such activities shall be conducted. The commission shall
29 require an annual information report setting forth in detail the
30 expenses incurred and the revenue received relative to the activities
31 permitted.

32 (2) Bona fide charitable or nonprofit organizations holding a
33 license to conduct a fund raising event may join together to jointly
34 conduct a fund raising event if:

35 (a) Approval to do so is received from the commission; (~~and~~)

36 (b) The method of dividing the income and expenditures and the
37 method of recording and handling of funds are disclosed to the
38 commission in the application for approval of the joint fund raising
39 event and are approved by the commission(~~(-)~~);

1 (c) The gross wagers and bets received by the organizations less
2 the amount of money paid by the organizations as winnings and for the
3 purchase costs of prizes given as winnings (~~(may)~~) does not exceed
4 (~~(ten)~~) fifteen thousand dollars during the total calendar days of such
5 event. The net receipts each organization receives shall count against
6 the organization's annual limit stated in this subsection(~~(-)~~);

7 (d) A joint fund raising event shall count against only the lead
8 organization or organizations receiving fifty percent or more of the
9 net receipts for the purposes of the number of such events an
10 organization may conduct each year(~~(-)~~); and

11 (e) The commission may issue a joint license for a joint fund
12 raising event and charge a license fee for such license according to a
13 schedule of fees adopted by the commission which reflects the added
14 cost to the commission of licensing more than one licensee for the
15 event.

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